

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, please replace the paragraph starting with “The implication” with the following replacement paragraph:

The implication of low GABA levels in a number of common disease states and/or common medical disorders has stimulated intensive interest in preparing GABA analogs, which have superior pharmaceutical properties in comparison to GABA (*e.g.*, the ability to cross the blood brain barrier). Accordingly, a number of GABA analogs, with considerable pharmaceutical activity have been synthesized in the art (See, *e.g.*, Satzinger *et al.*, United States Patent No. 4,024,175; Silverman *et al.*, United States Patent No. 5,563,175; Horwell *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,020,370; Silverman *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,028,214; Horwell *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,103,932; Silverman *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,117,906; Silverman, International Publication No. WO 92/09560; Silverman *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 93/23383; Horwell *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 97/29101, Horwell *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 97/33858; Horwell *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 97/33859; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 98/17627; Guglietta *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/08671; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/21824; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/31057; Belliotti *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/31074; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/31075; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/61424; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 00/15611; Bryans Belliotti *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 00/31020; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 00/50027; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 02/00209; Blackwell *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 02/085839).

At page 18, please replace the paragraph starting with “In yet another” with the following replacement paragraph:

In yet another embodiment, prodrug-releasing waxes can be used for oral sustained release administration. Examples of suitable sustained prodrug-releasing waxes

are disclosed in Cain *et al.*, United States Patent No. 3,402,240 (carnauba wax, candelilla wax, esparto wax and ouricury wax); Shtohryn *et al.*, United States Patent No. 4,820,523 (hydrogenated vegetable oil, bees wax, caranuba wax, paraffin, candelillia, ozokerite and mixtures thereof); and Walters, United States Patent No. 4,421,736 (mixture of paraffin and castor wax).

At page 41, please replace the paragraph starting with "Those of skill" with the following replacement paragraph:

Those of skill in the art will appreciate that a preferred synthetic route to the compounds of the invention will consist of attaching promoieties to fused GABA analogs. Methods have been described in the art for the synthesis of fused GABA analogs (Blakemore *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 02/085839; Blakemore *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 02/090318). Other methods will be apparent to the skilled artisan for synthesizing fused GABA analogs in view of the references provided above. The promoieties described herein, are known in the art and may be prepared and attached to fused GABA analogs by established procedures (See *e.g.*, Green *et al.*, "Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry", (Wiley, 2nd ed. 1991); Harrison *et al.*, "Compendium of Synthetic Organic Methods", Vols. 1-8 (John Wiley and Sons, 1971-1996; Larock "Comprehensive Organic Transformations," VCH Publishers, 1989; and Paquette, "Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis," John Wiley & Sons, 1995). Preferably, the promoieties illustrated herein, may be attached to fused GABA analogs by the procedures described in Cundy *et al.*, United States Patent Application Serial No. ~~10/710,127~~ 10/170,127, filed June 11, 2002; Gallop *et al.*, United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/171,485, filed June 11, 2002; and Gallop *et al.*, United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/167,197, filed June 11, 2002.

At page 42, please replace the paragraph starting with "The suitability" with the following replacement paragraph:

The suitability of the dosage forms of the invention in treating epilepsy, depression, anxiety, psychosis, faintness attacks, hypokinesia, cranial disorders, neurodegenerative disorders, panic, pain (especially neuropathic pain and muscular and skeletal pain), inflammatory disease (*i.e.*, arthritis), insomnia, gastrointestinal disorders and ethanol withdrawal syndrome may be determined by methods described in the art (See, *e.g.*, Satzinger *et al.*, United States Patent No. 4,024,175; Satzinger *et al.*, United States Patent No. 4,087,544; Woodruff, United States Patent No. 5,084,169; Silverman *et al.*, United States Patent No. 5,563,175; Singh, United States Patent No. 6,001,876; Horwell *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,020,370; Silverman *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,028,214; Horwell *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,103,932; Silverman *et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,117,906; Silverman, International Publication No. WO 92/09560; Silverman *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 93/23383; Horwell *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 97/29101, Horwell *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 97/33858; Horwell *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 97/33859; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 98/17627; Guglietta *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/08671; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/21824; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/31057; Magnus-Miller *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/37296; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/31075; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 99/61424; Pande, International Publication No. WO 00/23067; ~~Bryans~~ Bellioti et al., International Publication No. WO 00/31020; Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 00/50027; and Bryans *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 02/00209).